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and sometimes flying round our head, almost within reach of our arms. If any of the simple natives heard the sounds we made, they would undoubtedly have drawn some melancholy presage from them. Soon after we left the woods the rain fell heavily, and we ran for shelter into a hut on the road-side, the inmates of which were engaged in the devotional exercises of the evening, and listening attentively to an elderly man, who was reading the Bible—

“ The huge clasp'd Bible, which had been his father's.”

There was a numerous congregation for so small a place, some twelve or fourteen, men, women, and children. This was a soothing and happy sight, and we remained till their vespers were concluded, when, the rain having ceased, we resumed our walk. As we entered the town, my friend offered to conduct me to the Town Hall, where the children of the Sunday School* were assembled to sing hymns, the usual, indeed the constant, mode of closing the Sabbath at Dolgellau. I accepted the offer with great pleasure, and we soon arrived at the Hall, where we found many of the respectable inhabitants gathered together. The singing had already commenced, and the singers were performing, with much sweetness and simplicity, the evening hymn. They finished this and several others, some in Welsh and some in English, and then, with their auditors, departed to their rest. It is needless for me to expatiate on this admirable and rational mode of terminating the duties of the Sabbath-day. Nothing, I should conceive, can be more purely and completely gratifying than to contemplate youthful piety in the act of lifting up its voice in adoration and gratitude to its Creator. What a contrast this, to the sickening depravity of the metropolis, and what a testimony of the assiduity and careful love of the Pastor of Dolgellau! Can any thing speak more forcibly in praise of his attention towards his flock—of his duty towards his God? I never spent an evening so happily and so worthily.

MERVINIUS.

In the sixth Number (p. 210) there appeared a short biographical notice, by P. B. W., of Davydd Llwyd ab Llewelyn. The

* The Sunday School was instituted some years ago by, I believe, the present worthy and highly esteemed Rector, Mr. Hughes. At all events, I am informed that he was chiefly instrumental in effecting its establishment. The young ladies, his daughters, now employ much of their time in instructing the poor children of the lower orders in the rudiments of useful knowledge. Is not this benevolence—pure unadulterated benevolence?—M.

following anecdote, illustrative of what was there stated, has been communicated by a gentleman, to whom the readers of the CAMBRO-BRITON are already indebted for two or three interesting contributions.

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DAVYDD LLWYD AB LLEWELYN.

The Earl of Richmond, in his March from Milford, is said to have lodged one night with his friend Davydd Llwyd at Mathafarn. In his anxiety for the issue of his hazardous enterprise he privately requested the opinion of his host, who was esteemed by his contemporaries a most distinguished prophet. The seer cautiously replied, that a question of such importance could not be immediately answered, and that he would give his reply in the morning. He was greatly perplexed by the question, and his wife observed an unusual and inexplicable gravity in his manner during the remainder of the evening. She enquired into the cause, of which, when she was informed, she exclaimed with much astonishment, "How can you possibly have any difficulty about your answer? Tell him, that the issue of his enterprise will be most successful and glorious. If your prediction is verified, you will receive honours and rewards; but, if it fails, depend upon it, he will never come here to reproach you." Hence we have the Welsh proverb,—*Cynghor gwraig heb ei ofyn* *.

X. Y. Z.

AN OLD PROPHECY.

To the EDITOR of the CAMBRO-BRITON.

SIR,—If you think proper, I would thank you to insert the following lines, as some of your correspondents may be able to unravel their meaning.

Pan fo Rhuddlan heb Gonwyaid,
Pan fo Llan Saint Sior heb Holandiaid,
Pan fo Abergele heb ffyn hirion,
Y bydd rhywbeth yn Rhiwabon

Now, the Conways of Bodryddan in Rhuddlan have been some years extinct, so have the Hollands of Cinnel in Llan Saint Sior: and the long poles, formerly in use in Abergele †, are no longer necessary. I conclude, then, that the predicted event, whatever it was, alluded to in the last of the foregoing lines, has already come to pass. Perhaps some of your readers can furnish a clue to the mystery.

LL.

* A wife's advice without asking it.

† Before a part of that parish was overflowed by the sea.—Ed.